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[ANNUAL
REPORTS]

Of the Officers of the Town of
BENTON, N. H.

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1945

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Ira E. Elliott

TOWN CLERK

Floyd Hutchins

SELECTMEN

Charles H. Tyler

John Boutin

Alfred Mardin

Term Expires 1946

Term Expires 1947

Term Expires 1948

HIGHWAY AGENT, Ira E. Elliott

TREASURER

Margaret E. Elliott

TAX COLLECTOR

Ira E. Elliott

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Ethel A. Boutin

Napoleon Burke

Chester Elliott

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Floyd J. Hutchins

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Frances Mardin

Mildred Elliott

Laura Noxon

FENCE VIEWER, Wayne Wheeler

CONSTABLE

Ira E. Elliott

SCHOOL BOARD

Floyd Hutchins

Alexander Boutin

Ethel A. Boutin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Floyd J. Hutchins

Napoleon Burke

Forrest Clark

SEXTON, John G. Elliott

AUDITOR, Ethel A. Boutin

BALLOT CLERKS

Thelma Boutin

Joseph Boutin, Jr

Mildred Elliott

and Frances Mardin

LIBRARIAN, Margaret E. Elliott

HEALTH OFFICER

John Boutin

OVERSEER OF POOR

Ethel A. Boutin

POUND KEEPER

Chester H. Elliott

Town Meeting Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (March 12th) at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, Charles H. Tyler being the outgoing member, one Highway Agent, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries and expenses, for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day, and for all other Town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take in regards to how Memorial Day will be observed.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to continue to rent a snow plow.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to buy an adding machine and to raise money for the same if voted in favor.

Article 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of January,
A. D., 1946.

CHARLES H. TYLER
JOHN BOUTIN
ALFRED W. MARDIN

Selectmen of Benton

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

CHARLES H. TYLER
JOHN BOUTIN
ALFRED W. MARDIN

BUDGET OF TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the ensuing year.
Jan. 1, 1946 to Jan. 1, 1947

compared with

Actual Revenue Jan. 1, 1945 to Jan. 1, 1945

Sources of Revenue	Actual	Est'm'd
	1945	1946
FROM STATE		
Interest and Dividend Tax		
Railroad Tax	\$10.82	\$10.00
Savings Bank Tax	5.44	5.00
Bounties	62.00	82.50
FROM SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
Interest and Costs Included	21.03	20.00
Auto Permits	102.55	100.00
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:		
Poll Taxes 1945	76.00	100.00
Dog Tax 1945-44	49.00	40.00
Income Forest Reserve	505.29	500.00
Reimbursement Federal Forest Lands	716.03	700.00
Income Trust Funds	116.38	116.00
TOTAL REVENUES		1,673.50
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes:		3,132.53
TOTAL REVENUES		\$4,806.03
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES		
Amount to be raised by Property Tax		\$1,673.50
GRAND TOTAL		\$4,806.03

BUDGET**Purpose of Expenditures****Current Maintenance Expense:**

	Actual 1945	Est'm'd 1946
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$349.20	\$350.00
Town Officers' Expenses	210.64	250.00
Election and Registration	28.00	175.00
Care and Supplies of Community		
Building	148.23	200.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:		
Police Department	5.00	5.00
Bounties	82.50	
HEALTH:		
Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	7.50	10.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
Town Roads	589.70	600.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	874.80	700.00
T. R. A.	82.75	85.00
LIBRARIES:		
Librarian	12.00	12.00
CHARITIES:		
Town Poor		
Old Age Assistance	93.99	150.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:		
Memorial Day	21.67	20.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Cemeteries	117.10	75.00
Payment on Community Bldg.	88.00	88.00
Interest on Notes	43.45	50.00
Town Road Aid		
Payments to Other Government Divisions		
County Tax	236.47	256.03
Payments to School District	1,801.00	1,775.00
Less Dog Tax and Forest Reserve		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$4,806.03

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

April 1, 1945

Land and Buildings	\$63,875.00
Growing Wood and Timber	9,000.00
Electric Plants	30,990.00
Horses (29)	2,975.00
Cows (110)	11,240.00
Neat Stock	1,540.00
Hogs	150.00
Oxen (6)	640.00
Wood and Lumber	978.00
Gasoline Pumps	200.00
Stock in Trade	330.00
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	\$121,918.00
Polls 66 @ \$2.00	
Polls 66 @ \$3.00	
1944 Valuation	\$127,735.00
1945 Valuation	121,918.00
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Decrease	\$5,817.00
Average Tax for all purposes	\$2.80

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED TOWN OF BENTON FOR YEAR 1945

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$350.00
Town Officers' Expenses	250.00
Election and Registration	50.00
Community Building	300.00
Police Department	5.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Road Aid	82.75
Town Maintenance	600.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	700.00
White Mountain Region	12.70
Libraries	12.00
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor	150.00
Memorial Day	20.00
Cemeteries	75.00
Interest	50.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	88.00
County Tax	236.47
School Tax	1,770.00
 TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS	 \$4,766.92

Less Estimated Revenues and Credits

Total Town and School Appropriations	\$4,766.92
Railroad Tax	\$ 11.00
Savings Bank Tax	6.00
Forest Reserve	400.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	700.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	85.00
Interest Received on Taxes	25.00
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Total Revenues and Credits	1,227.00
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	\$3,539.92
Plus Overlay	5.78
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Net amount to be raised by Taxation	\$3,545.70
Less Regular Poll Taxes at \$2.00	132.00
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Amount to be raised by Property Taxes on which Tax Rate is figured	\$3,413.70
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Taxes to be Committed to Collector	
Property Taxes	\$3,413.70
Regular Polls at \$2.00	132.00
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Total Taxes	\$3,545.70
Special Polls at \$3.00	198.00
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Total Taxes to be Committed	\$3,743.70
Average Tax Rate for All Purposes	\$2.80

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Community Building	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Town Clerk Building	200.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Library	300.00
Highway Equipment	445.00
Town Safe	50.00
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Total	\$7,045.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Town of Benton

ASSETS

Cash:

In hands of Treasurer	\$888.71
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Accounts Due the Town:

Due from State—	
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Bounties	82.50
Estimate Forest Reserve 1945	400.00
Estimate Reimbursement a/c Federal Forest	700.00

Taxes:

Levy 1945 Property and Polls uncollected	567.97
Levy 1944 Property and Polls uncollected	32.46
Levy 1943 Polls	8.00
Levy 1942 Polls	8.00
Levy 1941 Polls	6.00
Levy 1940 Polls	4.00
Levy 1939 Polls	4.00

Total Assets	\$2,701.64
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Surplus Dec. 31, 1944	\$1,840.20
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Surplus Dec. 31, 1945	\$1,821.31
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Decrease of Surplus	\$18.89
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:

Building Note	
Community Building Note	\$528.00
Short Term Woodsville Bank	250.00
Special Poll Tax Due the State	81.00

Due to School:

Dog License	2.00
Balance Appropriation	19.33

Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	\$880.33
	1,821.31

	\$2,701.64
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**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR TOWN OF BENTON
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1945**

Margaret E. Elliott, Town Treasurer

Received from Ira Elliott, Tax Collector:

1944 Property Tax	\$ 534.23
1944 Interest	14.28
1944 Costs	6.75
1944 Regular Poll Tax	40.00
1944 Special Poll Tax	60.00
1945 Property Tax	2,953.11
1945 Discount	29.62
1945 Regular Poll Tax	76.00
1945 Special Poll Tax	117.00
1945 Interest	2.19
	—————
	\$3,833.18

From Floyd Hutchins, Town Clerk:

1945 Dog Tax	42.00
1945 Motor Vehicle Tax	102.55
1944 Dog Tax	7.00
1945 Trust Funds for Cemetery	59.38
1945 Trust Funds for Highways	57.00
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	267.93

From the State of New Hampshire:

Bounties	63.00
Forest Reserve	505.29
Forest Lands	716.03
Savings Bank Tax	5.44
Railroad Tax	10.82
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	1,300.58

From John Boutin:

Lot in Mountain View Cemetery	20.00

	20.00

Total Receipts	\$5,421.69
On hand Dec. 31, 1944	1,062.99

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$6,484.68

Orders Paid	5,566.35

	\$918.33
Discounts	29.62

CASH ON HAND	\$888.71

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 1945

Levy Property Tax, 1945	\$3,413.70
Poll Tax, 1945	132.00
Special Poll Tax, 1945	198.00

Total Warrant	\$3,743.70

1945 Property Tax Collected	\$2,953.11
1945 Regular Polls Collected	76.00
1945 Special Polls Collected	117.00
Discounts	29.62
1945 Interest	2.19

Total	\$3,177.92

Uncollected Property Tax	\$430.97
Uncollected Regular Polls	56.00

Uncollected Special Polls	81.00
	\$567.97
	\$3,745.89

I hereby certify that the above collections are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IRA E. ELLIOTT, Tax Collector.

LEVY OF 1944:

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1945	
Property Tax	\$552.69
Poll Tax (regular)	45.00
Poll Tax (special)	69.00
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	\$666.69
1944 Property Tax Collected	\$534.33
1944 Poll Tax Regular	40.00
1944 Poll Tax Special	60.00
	—————
	\$634.33
Interest during year	\$14.28
Uncollected Property Tax	\$18.46
Uncollected Poll Tax, Regular	5.00
Uncollected Poll Tax, Special	9.00
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	\$32.46

I hereby certify that the above collections are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IRA E. ELLIOTT, Tax Collector.

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS

Detailed Payments

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Total Taxes Committed to Collector	\$3,413.70
Less Uncollected	430.97
Discounts	29.62

From Ira Elliott, Collector:

Property Taxes Actually Collected	\$2,953.11
1945 Interest	2.19
1945 Polls	76.00
1945 Special Polls	117.00
Total	\$3,148.30

Property and Poll Taxes of Previous Years:

1944 Property and Polls	\$ 634.23
1944 Interest	14.28
1944 Costs	6.75

From Floyd Hutchins:

Motor Permits	102.55
Dog Tax 1945	42.00
Dog Tax 1944	7.00
Trust Funds for Cemeteries	59.38
Trust Funds for Highways	57.00

From State of New Hampshire:

Bounties	63.00
1944 Forest Reserve	505.29
1944 Federal Forest Reimbursement	716.03
Savings Bank Tax	5.44
Railroad Tax	10.82

From Cemetery:

From John Boutin (lot in cemetery)	20.00
Total Receipts	\$5,392.07
Cash on hand December 31, 1944	1,062.99
Grand Total	\$6,455.06

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expense:**General Government:****Detail**

1. Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 349.20
2. Town Officers' Expenses	210.64
3. Election and Registration	28.00
4. Community Building	148.23

Protection of Persons and Property:

5. Police	5.00
6. Bounties	82.50

Health Department:

7. Health Officer	5.00
8. Vital Statistics	7.50

Highways and Bridges:

9. T-R-A to State	82.75
10. Snow Removal and Sanding	874.80
11. Town Road	589.70

Libraries:

12. Librarian	12.00
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Town Poor:

13. Old Age Assistance	93.99
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Patriotic Purposes:

14. Memorial Day	21.67
15. Special Polls	207.00

Cemeteries:

16. Cemeteries	117.10
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Unclassified:

17. Interest	43.45
18. Payments on Temporary Loans	250.00
19. Payment on Community Building	88.00

Payments to Government Divisions:

20. County Tax	236.47
21. Schools	2,100.65
22. White Mountain Region	12.70
Total Payments for 1945	\$5,566.35
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	888.71
Grand Total	\$6,455.06

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**Detail No. 1, Town Officers' Salaries**

Ethel Boutin, Auditor	\$ 10.00
C. H. Tyler, Salary 1945-1944	70.00
John Boutin, Salary 1945-1944	40.00
Alfred Mardin, Salary 1945-1944	63.00
Floyd Hutchins, Town Clerk	50.00
Floyd Hutchins, Dog Fees	5.00
Floyd Hutchins, Auto Permits	11.00
Margaret Elliott, Town Treasurer	50.00
Ira Elliott, Tax Collector	50.00
Total	\$349.20

Detail No. 2, Town Officers' Expenses

N. H. Assessors' Dues	\$ 6.00
Edson Eastman, Town Supplies	29.91
Alfred Mardin, Car	2.00
C. Howard Tyler, Postage	3.74
Twin State Printers, Printing Town Reports	104.00
Register of Deeds	8.77
John Boutin, Car and Dinners	7.00
Robert Large, Officers' Bonds	19.00
Ira Elliott, Postage	4.38
Floyd Hutchins, Trustee's Car and Dinner	9.50
Floyd Hutchins, Postage	2.94
Floyd Hutchins, Justice of Peace Fees	5.00

Margaret Elliott, Postage	3.60
Lisbon Bank, Rent of Trustees' Box	4.80
Total	\$210.64

Detail No. 3, Election and Registration

Ethel Boutin, Supervisor	\$ 8.00
Napoleon Burke, Supervisor	8.00
Chester Elliott, Supervisor	8.00
Ira Elliott, Moderator	4.00
Total	\$28.00

Detail No. 4, Community Building, Care & Supplies

Howard Tyler, Janitor	\$ 14.00
Ira Elliott, Plowing Yard	4.00
Lawrence French, Sawing Wood	6.00
C. H. Martin, paint	22.70
Concord Hardware Co., paint	18.20
Byron Quimby, painting building	80.00
Scruggs Hardware, supplies	3.33
Total	\$148.23

Detail No. 5, Protection of Persons and Property

Ira Elliott, Constable	\$5.00
Total	\$5.00

Detail No. 6, Bounties

Bounties	\$82.50
Total	\$82.50

Detail No. 7, Health Officer

John Boutin, Health Officer	\$5.00
Total	\$5.00

Detail No. 8, Vital Statistics

Floyd Hutchins, 9 deaths and 3 marriages	\$5.25
Dr. Rufus Little	2.25
Total	\$7.50

Detail No. 9, Town Road Aid

T. R. A.	\$82.75
Total	\$82.75

Detail No. 10, Snow Removal and Sanding

Ira Elliott	\$537.20
Chester Elliott	73.00
John Elliott	46.50
Treasurer, State of N. H., work on plow	52.47
Ernest Coates	22.00
Robert Elliott	6.00
John Elliott, use of car to south part	3.10
Forrest Clark	4.00
Tilden Day, sand	2.60
Clinton Hill	18.00
William Harris	18.00
William Crowe	8.00
Harland Hutchins	2.50
Lisbon Co., for truck chains	13.14
Charles Moore	4.00
Paul Boutin	3.00
George Belyea	10.40
Joseph Boutin 3d	1.00
Woodsville Hardware	1.49
Town of Haverhill	48.40
Total	\$874.80

Detail No. 11, Town Road Work

Ira Elliott	\$399.20
Ernest Coates	20.00
William Harris	60.00

Chester Elliott	47.50
John Elliott	20.00
Charles Moore	12.00
Forest Clark	8.00
Robert Elliott	8.00
John Boutin, Jr.	1.00
Joe Boutin 3d	10.00
Town of Haverhill	4.00
 Total	 \$589.70

Detail No. 12, Libraries

Margaret Elliott, Librarian	\$12.00
 Total	 \$12.00

Detail No. 13, Town Poor and Old Age Assistance

Old Age Assistance, Charles Blake	\$93.99
 Total	 \$93.99

Detail No. 14, Patriotic Purposes

Memorial Day dinner and supplies	\$21.54
Gold Star for Service Flag	.13
 Total	 \$21.67

Detail No. 15, To Treasurer of State of New Hampshire

Special Tax	\$207.00
 Total	 \$207.00

Detail No. 16, Public Service Enterprises

Cemeteries:	
John Elliott	\$115.00
Frank Norris, plants for cemetery	2.10
 Total	 \$117.10

Detail No. 17, Interest on Notes

Interest	\$43.45
Total	\$43.45

Detail No. 18, Payment on Notes

Short Term	\$250.00
Total	\$250.00

Detail No. 19, Payment on Note

Community Building	\$88.00
Total	\$88.00

Detail No. 20, Payment to Government Divisions

County Tax	\$236.47
Total	\$236.47

Detail No. 21, School District

To Treasurer of Schools	\$2,100.65
Total	\$2,100.65

Detail No. 22

To White Mountain Region	\$12.70
Total	\$12.70

UNCOLLECTED POLLS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

1944—

Celia Berube, Mildred Elliott, Catherine Hussey, Evelyn French, Melvin Dubois.

1943—

Laura Noxon, Lester Noxon, Frank Powers, Celia Berube.

1942—

Marjorie DeRusha, Kenneth DeRusha, Mildred Elliott, Laura Noxon.

1941—

Mildred Elliott, Marjorie DeRusha, Laura Noxon.

1940—

Mildred Elliott, Laura Noxon.

1939—

Lester Noxon, Laura Noxon.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period Ending December 31, 1945

Received of Ira Whitcher Fund, interest of \$500.00 U. S.	
Treasury Loan for Cemetery	\$13.75
Bal. December 31, 1944	5.41

\$19.16

For Cemetery	\$10.00
Bal. December 31, 1945	9.16

\$19.16

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$500.00	
U. S. Treasury Loan for care of lot. Balance, if any, for School	
and Highways	\$13.75

\$13.75

Care of lot	\$ 9.75
For School	2.00
For Highways	2.00

\$13.75

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$1,000.00	
U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery. Balance, if any, for School	
and Highways	\$27.50

\$27.50

For Cemetery	\$17.50
For School	5.00
For Highways	5.00

\$27.50

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for School	\$50.00
To Benton School District	\$50.00
Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for Highways	\$50.00
To Town of Benton for Highways	\$50.00
Received from Ella Mann Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$1.00
Care of lot	\$1.00
Received from George H. Clark Fund, interest on \$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 3.30
Bal. December 31, 1944	16.30
	\$19.60
Care of lot	\$ 3.30
Bal. December 31, 1945	16.30
	\$19.60
Received from William T. Torsey Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$.84
Bal. December 31, 1944	1.00
	\$1.84
Care of lot	\$.84
Bal. December 31, 1945	1.00
	\$1.84
Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$.84
Bal. December 31, 1944	1.00
	\$1.84

Care of lot	\$.84
Bal. December 31, 1945	1.00
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	\$1.84
 Received from Jonathan Davis Fund, interest on \$50.00	
deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$.84
Bal. December 31, 1944	1.00
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	\$1.84
 Received from J. C. Speed Fund, interest on \$134.71 deposit- ed Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	
	\$ 2.29
Bal. December 31, 1944	12.61
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	\$14.90
Care of lot	\$ 3.00
Bal. December 31, 1945	11.90
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	\$14.90
Received from Samuel Whitcher and William Kendall Fund, interest on \$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	
	\$ 3.30
Bal. December 31, 1944	15.72
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	\$19.02
Care of lot	\$ 3.30
Bal. December 31, 1945	15.72
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	\$19.02
 Received from Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$50.00	
deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$1.00
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Care of lots	\$1.00

Received from Daniel M. and Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$100.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$2.01
Care of lots	\$2.01
Received from Isabella M. Tyler Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$1.00
Care of lot	\$1.00
Received from L. H. Parker Fund, rent of Cemetery Field	\$5.00
Care of lots	\$5.00
Total amount received from Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1945	\$176.42
Bal. December 31, 1944	53.04
	\$229.46
Total amount paid for care of cemetery lots, for repairing and beautifying Mountain View Cemetery, and for school and highways	\$173.38
Balance deposited on check account, Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$56.08
The U. S. Treasury Loan Bonds, due in 1947, bearing interest at $2\frac{3}{4}\%$ in which were invested \$2,000.00 of the Whitcher & Mann Funds, and the Ira Whitcher Fund of \$500.00 have been called in, and were exchanged December 4, 1945 for U. S. Treasury Bonds due in December 1972 bearing interest at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$.	
FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, NAPOLEON BURKE, FORREST CLARK, Trustees of Trust Funds.	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**Year Ending December 31, 1945**

Books in Library December 31, 1944	1,044
Books added by State	4
Books on Hand	1,048
Books Loaned in 1945	175
Books in Circulation	4
Books in Library December 31, 1945	1,044
Total number books loaned by Bookmobile	96

We wish to thank the Bookmobile for the fine books loaned.

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Librarian.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cash on Hand December 31, 1945	\$71.88
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MILDRED A. ELLIOTT,
FRANCESCE MARDIN,
Library Trustees.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Library Trustees, and I have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN, Town Auditor.

January 9, 1946.

Benton School Report

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Floyd Hutchins, Chairman	Term expires 1946
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Term expires 1947
Mrs. Alexzena Boutin	Term expires 1948

Other District Officers

Charles H. Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Frances Mardin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Ira A. Elliott	Moderator
Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools
Arthur Delaney	Truant Officer

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

FLOYD HUTCHINS,
ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZENA BOUTIN,
School Board

RONALD A. PERHAM,
Superintendent of Schools

WARRANT FOR SCHOOL MEETING**The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the 12th day of March, 1946, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensations of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

FLOYD HUTCHINS,
ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZENA BOUTIN,

School Board

RECEIPTS 1944-1945

State and Federal Aid:

Equalization fund for elementary	
schools (from State)	\$1,254.54
Federal Forest Reserve	252.65
Total	\$1,507.19

Income from Local Taxation:

(Raised by Selectmen)

For support of elementary and	
high schools 1944-45	\$1,850.00
Total	\$1,850.00

Income from Other Sources:

Income from local trust funds, 1944	\$57.00
Dog Licenses	51.00
Other Receipts	11.58
Total	\$119.58

Total Receipts From All Sources	\$3,476.77
Cash on Hand at beginning of year,	
July 1, 1944	88.88
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,565.65

PAYMENTS 1944-1945**Administration**

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 42.00
Superintendent's excess salary	58.35
Truant Officers and Census	5.00
Expenses of Administration	2.38

Instruction

Teacher's Salary	1,264.33
Textbooks	26.00
Scholars' supplies	111.29

Operation and Maintenance

Janitor Service	274.50
Fuel	188.50
Water, light, janitor's supplies	30.71
Minor repairs and expenses	62.87

Auxiliary Agencies

Medical Inspection	21.64
Transportation of Pupils	407.00
High School Tuition	107.46
Elementary School Tuition	346.00

Fixed Charges

Tax for state wide supervision	45.00
Insurance and other fixed charges	10.00

Outlay for Construction and Equipment

Lands and new buildings	70.30
Alterations of old buildings	10.00

Debt, Interest and Other Charges

Payments of principal of debt	240.00
Payments of interest on debt	82.87

Total Payments for All Purposes \$3,406.20

Cash on Hand at end of year,
June 30, 1945 159.45

GRAND TOTAL \$3,565.65

BALANCE SHEET**ASSETS**

June 30, 1945

Cash on hand:

Balance June 30, 1945	\$ 159.45
Accounts due to District:	
From Town 1944-45 Apppropriation	175.00
Total Assets	\$ 334.45
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	1,345.55
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,680.00

LIABILITIES

June 30, 1945

Accounts owed by District:

Bonds Outstanding	\$1,680.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,680.00
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,680.00

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Benton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCES MARDIN, Auditor.

July 11, 1945.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1945****SUMMARY**

Cash on hand June 30, 1944	\$ 88.88
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Received from Selectmen:

Appropriation for current year	\$1,850.00
Dog Tax	51.00
Income from Trust Funds	57.00

Received from State Treasurer:

State Aid	1,254.54
Forest Reserve	252.65
Received from all other sources	11.58
	3,476.77

Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts)	\$3,565.65
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Less School Board Orders Paid	\$3,406.20
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Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1945	\$159.45
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CHARLES H. TYLER,

July 11, 1945. District Treasurer.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1946-1947

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1946.

Detailed Statement of Estimated Expenditures**Support of Schools:**

Teacher's Salary	\$1,300.00
Textbooks	35.00
Scholars' Supplies	40.00
Flags and appurtenances	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	5.00
Janitor service	275.00
Fuel	190.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	30.00
Minor repairs, and expenses	60.00
Health supervision and medical inspection	31.28
Transportation of pupils	432.00
Payment of elementary tuitions	150.00
Other special activities	5.00
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	\$2,558.28

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers (Fixed by District)	\$ 36.00
Truant Officer and School Census (Fixed by District)	10.00
Payment of Tuition in high schools and academies (estimated by Board)	214.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary (Fixed by Supervisory Union)	58.14
Per Capita Tax (Reported by State Treasurer)	52.00

Payment of principal of debt	240.00
Payment of interest on debt	34.73
Other obligations	83.75

	\$728.62
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget	\$3,286.90

Estimated Income of District

Balance, June 30, 1945	\$400.00
State Aid, December 1945 allotment	1,000.00
Dog Taxes	50.00
Income from trust funds	57.00
Federal Forest Reserve	75.00

Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not raised by taxation)	\$1,582.00

Assessment Required to Balance	\$1,704.90

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

FLOYD HUTCHINS,
ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZENA BOUTIN,
School Board.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I hereby present my third annual report as superintendent of schools.

The total enrollment of the school in 1944-1945 was 15; the average membership 13.30; the percentage of attendance 95.72; the number of tardinesses were 2. There was one pupil attending the Haverhill Academy; there were 4 elementary pupils at Pike School and 6 at Glencliff.

This year the total enrollment is 11. There is 1 pupil attending Haverhill Academy and 3 pupils attending the elementary schools outside of the district.

Mrs. Katie Page, of Groton, Vermont, is completing her third year of teaching at Benton. Her work is successful, and I suggest that you retain her for the coming year. Outstanding work at the Benton School is an extensive reading program, craft work, and club work for the children. The blackboard borders and other types of art are in excellent taste.

The school building was painted this summer, a woodshed was built and tile floors were laid in the hall and kitchen. The community is to be commended on its interest in maintaining a modern and well-equipped school.

The School Board hopes to make an addition, this spring, in the way of playground equipment.

The janitor service at the Benton School is very good. The teacher reports the building warm and comfortable at all times. When I visit, it is always neat and clean.

The aim of the School Board, Superintendent, and teacher is to work with the community for a better school. We feel that our work this year has been successful.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM,
Superintendent.

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1945

William J. Harris and Seraphine R. Boutin, married at Benton, N. H., March 15, 1945, by Floyd J. Hutchins, Justice of the Peace; residence of groom, Haverhill, N. H.; age 25, single; occupation, U. S. Army; born at Haverhill, N. H.; father's name, William J. Harris; mother's maiden name, Lillian Hutchins. Residence of bride, Benton, N. H.; age 21, single; occupation, housework; father's name, John Boutin, Sr.; mother's maiden name, Ethel A. Clough.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1945

Albert Eugene Gilbert, died February 25, 1945; age 20 years, 10 months, 4 days; born at Gorham, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Louis Gilbert; mother's maiden name, Lillian Mercier; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Walter Augustus Cheszun, died March 14, 1945; age 28 years, 10 months, 3 days; born at Waterbury, Conn.; white, married; father's name, Peter Cheszun; mother's maiden name, Mary Zeroles; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Regina Mary Aubin, died May 8, 1945; age 20 years, 11 months, 14 days; born at Milan, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Paul Aubin; mother's maiden name, Mary L. Aubert; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

John Arthur Kravatas, died July 8, 1945; age 42 years, 3 months, 16 days; born in Greece; white, single; father's name, Arthur Kravatas; mother's maiden name, Ourania Alexander; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

John Joseph Crowley, died August 11, 1945; age 40 years, 6 months, 12 days; born at Portsmouth, N. H.; white, married; father's name, John Crowley; mother's maiden name, Mary McCarthy; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Dora Marie DeRochemont, died October 20, 1945; age 48 years, 7 months, 13 days; born at Epping, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Alfred Barnaby; mother's maiden name, Eliza Casavant; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Winifred Laura Paradis, died November 14, 1945; age 36 years, 7 months, 23 days; born at Lewiston, Me.; white, single; father's name, Paul Paradis; mother's maiden name, Laura Levesque; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

John Felix Koivunem, died December 8, 1945; age 65 years.

4 months, 7 days; born in Finland; white, widowed; father's name, unknown; mother's name, Makdaleene; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Rosa Isabel Hammond, died December 24, 1945; age 61 years, 4 months, 12 days; born at Stewartstown, N. H.; white, divorced; father's name, Kelsea Knapp; mother's maiden name, Isabel Haeny; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, Town Clerk.

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